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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Brain et al. GROUP: 3679
SERIAL NO: 10/720,874 EXAMINER: E. Garcia
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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a request for Continued Examination (CE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Small Entity Statement

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **December 12, 2005** in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number **EV631534409US** addressed to the: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

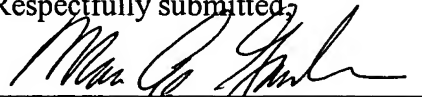
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- b. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- c. ☐ Other _____

4. Fee Payment

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$395.00 enclosed
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0079.

Respectfully submitted,



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